

Favorable Advances Made by State FEPC In Last Six Years

Salem — (U.P.) — The sixth year of fair employment practices act in Oregon ending Saturday marks favorable advances in the elimination of discrimination. FEP Administrator Mark A. Smith of the State Bureau of Labor said.

The principal achievement of the year, Smith said, is a record of no discrimination charges against the departments of state and municipal government. It is the first year this has happened since the enactment in 1949 of the state's fair employment practices act prohibiting discrimination in employment because of race, creed, color or national origin.

Unfavorable Side

On the unfavorable side of meeting FEP objectives, Smith reported, are no visible changes of policy among numbers of establishments "where non-white workers are lonely figures on the job or missing altogether." He said some firms in such employment areas as that of retail trade, textile industries, banks and public utilities have not developed equal employment opportunities for minority workers.

Labor Commissioner Norman O. Nilsen's review of the year's FEP record particularly compliments government agencies that "have taken their rightful place as leaders of democratic employment practices in Oregon."

Nilsen said "not only are they meeting obligations to the full intent of the day but also they are creating a favorable climate of public opinion which will facilitate acceptance of all workers on the basis of individual merit rather than group favoritism."

Need for Apprenticeship

There is a definite need for apprenticeship and other job-training opportunities in Oregon to qualify minority group members for all job levels, Nilsen said. The common concept of the FEP law as a simple prohibition on refusal to hire because of religion, race or ancestral origin is the biggest roadblock in opening equal job opportunities to minority groups, Nilsen said. Too few consider that FEP governs methods of personnel recruitment including the use of application forms, promotions on the job, dismissals and other fair conditions of employment.

In respect to FEP's continuous educational program for prevention of discrimination, the FEP report notes it is being broadened through cooperation of ad-

ditional community groups, 321 organizations participating in the 1955 forum on intergroup relations.

The first change in FEP's administrative structure will take place Aug. 3 when the labor commissioner by act of the 1955 Legislature is authorized to set up local, regional and statewide advisory agencies and intergroup relations councils to replace the advisory committee under governors' appointment.

Key Senators Differ On Foreign Aid Cuts

Washington — (U.P.) — Key Senators differed sharply Saturday over heavy house cuts in the administration's foreign aid appropriations bill.

Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.), a member of the Senate Appropriations committee, said he thought the Senate should go along with a \$627,900,000 slash voted by the House and also "prune additional funds."

Sen. John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.), a member of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, said the House cuts are "entirely too deep" and "almost ruinous" to the aid program.

And Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.) told the Appropriations committee the House action is a "critically serious mistake."

He said in a letter to Chairman Carl Hayden (D-Ariz.) of the appropriations group that "this hasty reduction might well threaten the success of the entire program."

The House voted to reduce actual funds for the program to \$2,685,000,000—far below the \$3,285,000,000 authorized in a compromise House-Senate bill.

Eisenhower-Zhukov Meeting Expected

Geneva, Switzerland — (U.P.) — Russian delegates said Saturday they were confident President Eisenhower and Soviet Marshal Georgi Zhukov will meet for an "old soldiers" informal chat during the Big Four conference.

Russians here for the summit talks also said Communist party boss Nikita S. Khrushchev will play second fiddle to Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin.

Soviet officials and newsmen who came out of their seclusion in the Hotel Metropole, their delegation headquarters, pointed out that Russia will be pre-



TANGLED 'N TWISTED—At Bridgeport, Conn., a New Haven railroad Washington-to-Boston express train jumped the tracks near the station and went over the banks with the spectacular results shown in above aerial view. One person was killed, 20 injured.

Portland Trio Held In Extortion Attempt

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland police Saturday disclosed a \$30,000 extortion plot against an elderly Portland contractor.

Three men were apprehended late Friday night as they picked up an envelope authorities had planted as the payoff for Samuel Olimansky, 72, a native of Russia. The trio, whose arrest culminated a month of investigations by secret police, were identified as John Wesley Corbin, 24, a laborer; Roy Lawrence Bower, 44, a machinist, and William Clifford Hook, 18, unemployed. Cor-

bin and Bower were charged with an extortion attempt and held under \$10,000 bail. Similar charges were pending against Hook.

Police Keep Watch

Police said they had been keeping a close watch on the case since June 20 when Olimansky received threatening telephone calls from someone posing as an immigration officer and demanding \$30,000 to keep Olimansky from being deported to the Soviet Union.

Thursday night, Lt. Bard Purcell said, the caller told Olimansky he was tired of stalling and that the money had to be made available immediately "or it'll be your funeral."

The extortionist was told only \$5,000 could be raised at that time. Olimansky was told to

leave that amount and anything else he could raise at the will call window at Southwest Broadway and Oak street to be picked up by a "Claude Poore." Caller identifies self.

The envelope was deposited by Olimansky Friday morning and pickup was made at 11:30 p.m. Police said it was Bower who took the envelope, identifying himself as Poore with a liquor

permit and social security card. Officers trailed Bower to a car occupied by two other men. When stopped at gunpoint, Hook was driving the vehicle, which was registered in his name, and the envelope lay unopened on the seat beside him, officers said.

The Friday night stakeout was the second of the week. Another Wednesday at Union station was futile.

4-H Club News

Ruckettes

The Ruckettes sewing club had a meeting July 12 at Bonnie Ward's house. We had a short business meeting then went on to sewing.

The next meeting will be at Romell Fossen's house July 19 at 7 p.m.

Linda Wells, Reporter.

WEATHER By United Press

Northern California: Mostly fair Sunday and Monday except few scattered showers near Oregon border Sunday. Variable low clouds on the coast. Warmer Monday.

Senator Urges Ridgway Testimony

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) urged the Senate Armed Services committee yesterday to call Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway as a key witness in a "review of our entire defense posture."

Jackson said Ridgway should be asked to elaborate on his statement in a letter to Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson that the United States may be playing into Russia's hands by putting primary emphasis on air power and atomic weapons while reducing ground forces.

Ridgway, who retired June 30 as Army Chief of Staff, said in the 4,000-word letter recently published that present U.S. military forces are "inadequate in strength and improperly proportioned" to meet the Soviet threat.

He indicated he felt that defense policy is based more on "administration demands" for a balanced budget than on actual military considerations.

Ridgway said there may be a "common refusal" to use atomic weapons in any future war. There is little doubt, he said, that Russia would prefer to avoid use of atomic weapons and rely instead on its massive ground forces.

Jackson said the Ridgway letter confirmed the Democratic argument that "the budget and

not national requirement is the final test" in administration of policy.

In view of Ridgway's position, Jackson said the former army chief would be a valuable witness.

CARS COLLIDE

Cars driven by Ellen Louise Childers, 38, route 2, box 54A, Jacksonville, and Lester Logan Moser, 39, 65 Winema Way, collided on Highway 238 west of Medford at about 4:26 p.m. Friday, according to state police. Damage was caused to both cars, officers said, but no injuries were reported. There were no citations.

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